

REMARKS

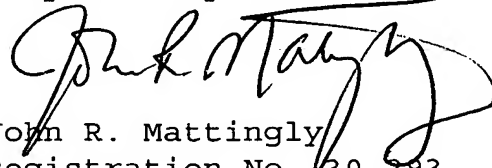
Pending Claims

Claims 43-46 are pending. Applicants have amended claim 45 to delete the inadvertent inclusion of means plus function language, which is unnecessary in a method claim. Entry of the amendment is requested after allowance because the need for the amendment was not discovered earlier. Accordingly, entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due in connection with this response to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

Respectfully submitted,



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